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## U.S. Elections 2004

### General Election Information

#### **"Congressional Authority to Standardize Election Procedures"**

Congressional Research Service Report to Congress, February 14, 2003.

<http://usinfo.state.gov/usa/infousa/politics/election/rl30747.pdf>

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#### **Elections 2004 Newsletter**

U.S. Department of State

<http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/election04/>

This publication is a non-partisan guide intended to help international audiences understand the upcoming U.S. presidential and congressional elections of 2004. Primaries, political party conventions, polling techniques, media issues, campaign finance, and other aspects of the American elections process are discussed and elucidated by experts.

#### **Federal Elections Commission**

<http://www.fec.gov/>

In 1975, Congress created the Federal Election Commission (FEC) to administer and enforce the Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA) - the statute that governs the financing of federal elections. The duties of the FEC, which is an independent regulatory agency, are to disclose campaign finance information, to enforce the provisions of the law such as the limits and prohibitions on contributions, and to oversee the public funding of Presidential elections.

#### **Federal Voting Assistance Program**

<http://www.fvap.gov/>

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) administers the federal responsibilities of the Presidential designee (Secretary of Defense), under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) of 1986. The Act covers more than six million potential voters.

#### **Foreign Press Centers**

U.S. Department of State

<http://fpc.state.gov/c9752.htm>

The U.S. Department of State has Foreign Press Centers in Washington, D.C., New York and Los Angeles. The Foreign Press Centers support U.S. policies by helping foreign media cover the U.S. Their goal is to promote the depth, accuracy, and balance of foreign reporting from the U.S., by providing direct access to authoritative American information sources.

#### **"Presidential Elections in the United States: An Primer"**

Congressional Research Service Report for Congress, April 17, 2000.

<http://fpc.state.gov/documents/organization/22616.pdf>

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#### **U.S. Elections 2004**

U.S. Department of State

<http://usinfo.state.gov/dhr/democracy/elections.html>

This information website is produced and maintained by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Information Programs.

#### **Voting and Elections**

<http://www.firstgov.gov/Citizen/Topics/Voting.shtml>

FirstGov.gov, the official U.S. gateway to all government information, is the catalyst for a growing electronic government, global-connecting the world to all U.S. government information and services.

## **History of U.S. Elections**

#### **The American Presidency: Historical Web Sites**

Grolier Online's American Presidency

[http://ap.grolier.com/staticbp?page=/static/hist\\_links.html&templatename=/static/ap.html](http://ap.grolier.com/staticbp?page=/static/hist_links.html&templatename=/static/ap.html)

Grolier Online's American Presidency presentation explores the history of the presidency and provides coverage of the 2004 elections.

#### **American President.org**

University of Virginia, Miller Center of Public Affairs

<http://www.americanpresident.org/>

AmericanPresident.org is a comprehensive non-partisan resource on the history and function of the American presidency. This resource is brought to you by the University of Virginia's Miller Center of Public Affairs, one of the nation's leading research institutes for the study of the American presidency.

#### **Information Please U.S. Elections**

<http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0764586.html>

Information Please has been providing authoritative answers to factual questions since 1938, and on the Internet since 1998. Information Please is part of Pearson Education, the largest educational publisher in the world.

## **Political Parties**

#### **Democratic National Committee**

<http://www.democrats.org/>

Official website of the Democratic National Committee.

**Republican National Committee**

<http://www.rnc.org/>

Official website of the Republican National Committee.

**Green Party of the United States**

<http://www.gp.org/>

Official website of the Green Party of the United States.

**Libertarian Party**

<http://www.lp.org/>

Official website of the Libertarian Party.

**Natural Law Party**

<http://www.natural-law.org/>

Official website of the Natural Law Party.

**Reform Party**

<http://www.reformparty.org/>

Official website of the Reform Party.

**Socialist Party U.S.A.**

<http://www.votesocialist.org/>

Official website of the Socialist Party U.S.A.

## **Presidential Candidates**

**George W. Bush – Republican**

<http://www.georgewbush.com/>

Official website for the Bush-Cheney '04 Campaign

**John Kerry - Democrat**

<http://www.johnkerry.com/>

Official Website for the Kerry-Edwards 2004 Campaign

## **Media and the Elections**

This section includes media reports and analysis related to U.S. elections. See also "Elecciones EE.UU. 2004 Recursos Periodísticos en Internet: Noticias, Comentarios y Documentación" by the U.S. Embassy, Santiago Information Resource Center.

**"The: 30 Second Candidate"** Historical Timeline

Public Broadcasting Service, PBS Online website August 16, 2004.

<http://www.pbs.org/30secondcandidate/timeline/>

**"The Living Room Candidate: Presidential Campaign Commercials 1952-2004"**

American Museum of Moving Images, Online Exhibits website August 16, 2004.

<http://livingroomcandidate.movingimage.us/index.php>

**"Media: Covering the Campaign"**

George Washington University, Democracy in Action website August 16, 2004.

<http://www.gwu.edu/%7Eaction/2004/media.html>

### **"The Campaign Media Guide"**

The Campaign Legal Center, April 2004

[http://www.pewtrusts.org/pdf/CLC\\_MediaGuide\\_071504.pdf](http://www.pewtrusts.org/pdf/CLC_MediaGuide_071504.pdf)

The Campaign Legal Center is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization which works in the areas of campaign finance, communications and government ethics. The Center represents the public interest in administrative and legal proceedings where the nation's campaign finance and related media laws are enforced: at the Federal Election Commission (FEC), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and in the courts.

## **Campaign Finance**

### **"The Campaign Finance Guide"**

The Campaign Legal Center, July 2004

[http://www.pewtrusts.org/pdf/CLC\\_finance\\_080604.pdf](http://www.pewtrusts.org/pdf/CLC_finance_080604.pdf)

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### **Campaign Finance eGuides**

The Campaign Finance Institute, website August 16, 2004.

<http://www.cfinst.org/eguide/>

The Campaign Finance Institute is a non-partisan, non-profit institute, affiliated with The George Washington University, that conducts objective research and education, empanels task forces and makes recommendations for policy change in the field of campaign finance.

### **Campaign Finance Law Resources**

Federal Elections Commission

[http://www.fec.gov/finance\\_law.html](http://www.fec.gov/finance_law.html)

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## **Caucuses and Primaries**

### **"Caucuses and Primaries: The Struggle fro Delegates"** by James T.

McDonough. U.S. Department of State website August 16, 2004.

<http://usinfo.state.gov/usa/infousa/politics/govworks/na36.htm>

### **"The Primary and Caucus System in U.S. Elections"** by Curtis Gans.

Foreign Press Center

<http://fpc.state.gov/26226.htm>

## **Nominating Conventions**

### **Conventions – Background Information**

George Washington University, Democracy in Action website August 16, 2004.

<http://www.gwu.edu/%7Eaction/2004/chrnconv.html>

### **Democratic Party National Convention 2004**

<http://www.dems2004.org/site/pp.asp?c=luI2LaPYG&b=92959>

Official website for the Democratic Convention 2004

### **National Party Conventions**

U.S. Department of State, Election Focus 2004, July 14, 2004.

[http://usinfo.state.gov/dhr/img/assets/5796/elections07\\_15\\_04.pdf](http://usinfo.state.gov/dhr/img/assets/5796/elections07_15_04.pdf)

### **Republican Party National Convention 2004**

<http://www.2004nycgop.org/>

Official website for the Republican Convention 2004

## **Debates**

### **Commission on Presidential Debates**

<http://www.debates.org/>

The Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD) was established in 1987 to ensure that debates, as a permanent part of every general election, provide the best possible information to viewers and listeners. Its primary purpose is to sponsor and produce debates for the United States presidential and vice presidential candidates and to undertake research and educational activities relating to the debates.

### **Debates**

George Washington University, Democracy in Action website August 16, 2004.

<http://www.gwu.edu/%7Eaction/2004/chrndeb.html>

## **Polls**

### **Election 04**

The Gallup Organization

<http://www.gallup.com/>

### **Election 2004: White House**

PollingReport.com

<http://www.pollingreport.com/wh2004.htm>

### **Polling Sources**

Project Vote Smart

[http://www.vote-](http://www.vote-smart.org/resource_political_resources.php?category=Polling%20Sources)

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## **Foreign Policy**

### **Campaign 2004: Foreign Policy in the Presidential Election**

Council on Foreign Relations

<http://www.cfr.org/campaign2004/>

The Council on Foreign Relations is an independent, national membership organization and a nonpartisan center for scholars dedicated to producing and disseminating ideas so that interested people in the United States and other countries can better understand the world and the foreign policy choices facing the United States and other governments.

### **"Foreign Policy Economic Policy for the Next President" by C. Fred Bergsten**

Council on Foreign Affairs, Foreign Affairs magazine March/April 2004

<http://www.foreignaffairs.org/20040301faessay83208/c-fred-bergsten/foreign-economic-policy-for-the-next-president.html>

## Voting

### **The Election Center**

<http://www.electioncenter.org/>

The Election Center is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization of voter registration and elections administration professionals.

### **Frequently Asked Questions About Voting System Standards**

Federal Elections Commission

<http://www.fec.gov/pages/fagsvss.htm>

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### **"Navigating Election Day: What Every Voter Needs to Know"** (also available in Spanish)

League of Women Voters, 2004 edition

<http://www.lwv.org/ELibrary/pub/ned.html#TOC>

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

### **Voting and Registration Statistics**

U.S. Census Bureau <http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/voting.html>

## Election Reform

### **"Election Reform: Overview and Issues"**

Congressional Research Service Report for Congress, March 29, 2004

<http://fpc.state.gov/documents/organization/32809.pdf>

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## Electoral College

### **"The Electoral College: How It Works in Contemporary Presidential Elections"**

Congressional Research Service Report to Congress, September 8, 2003

<http://fpc.state.gov/documents/organization/28090.pdf>

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### **"How the Electoral College Works"**

Federal Elections Commission

<http://www.fec.gov/pages/ecworks.htm>

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